

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The applicant's amendment, received 2-17-2012, overcomes the examiner's rejection. Hence claims 1, 5, 8-10, 12-13, 18 and 20-30 are allowed while claims 2-4, 6-7, 11, 14-17 and 19 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

1. The applicant has amended as per the recommendations of the examiner. He therefore believes the claims to be novel over the prior art of record.
2. With regard to foreign priority, the applicant claimed the following (see remarks filed 6-21-10):

"...Applicant notes reminder to file a certified copy of priority document 10-2004-0049883. This application was filed as a national phase filing under Section 371 of PCT/CN2005/000891 and, therefore, an additional copy of the priority document is not necessary. Confirmation of receipt of the priority document was documented in the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated October 29, 2007".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen D'Agosta whose telephone number is (571)272-7862. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jinsong Hu can be reached on 571-272-3965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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